

# Organization of Fisheries and Wildlife Management Agencies in Coastal States

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*This document is intended to provide an overview of the organization of fisheries and wildlife management agencies in coastal states. It based on the organization of state fisheries and wildlife management agencies as they existed in December of 2011. The agencies identified perform the functions of the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries.*



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# Maine

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## **Maine Department of Conservation**

- Bureau of Geology and Natural Areas
- Land Use
- Forestry
- Bureau of Parks and Lands

## **Maine Department of Environmental Protection**

- Air Quality
- Land and Water Quality
- Remediation and Waste Management

## **Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Manages [hunting](#) and [freshwater fishing](#)

## **Maine Department of Marine Resources**

Manages saltwater fishing ([commercial](#) and [recreational](#))

# New Hampshire

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## **New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services**

- Air Resources
- Waste Management
- Water Division
- Councils and Boards
- Environmental Health

## **New Hampshire Fish and Game Department**

Manages [hunting](#), [freshwater fishing](#), and [saltwater fishing](#) (commercial and recreational)

## **New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development**

- Division of Economic Development
- Division of Forests and Lands
- Division of Parks and Recreation
- Division of Travel and Tourism Development

# Massachusetts

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## **Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation**

- Forestry
- Water Supply
- Parks
- Dam Safety

## **Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection**

- Air and Climate
- Water, wastewater, and wetlands
- Waste and recycling
- Toxics and hazards
- Cleanups of sites and spills

## **Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game**

- **Division of Marine Fisheries**  
Manages saltwater fishing (commercial and recreational)
- **Division of Fisheries and Wildlife**  
Manages hunting and freshwater fishing
- Ecological Restoration

# Rhode Island

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## **Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management**

- Bureau of Natural Resources
  - Agriculture
  - Coastal Resources
  - **Division of Fish and Wildlife**  
Manages [hunting](#), [freshwater fishing](#), and [saltwater fishing](#) (commercial and recreational)
  - Forestry
  - Parks and Recreation
- Bureau of Environmental Protections
  - Air Resources
  - Compliance & Inspection
  - Emergency Response
  - Waste Management
  - Water Resources

# Connecticut

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## **Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection**

- **Air, Land, and Water**
  - Air and Water Quality
  - Brownfields
  - Climate Change
  - Energy
- **Natural Resources**
  - **Inland Fisheries Division**  
Manages [freshwater fishing](#)
  - **Marine Fisheries Division**  
Manages saltwater fishing ([commercial](#) and [recreational](#))
  - **Wildlife Division**  
Manages [hunting](#)
  - State Parks and Forestry
  - Geology
  - Open space
  - Plants
  - Wetlands
  - Water Resources
- **Materials and Waste Management**
  - Emergency response and spill prevention
  - Materials management
  - Radiation
  - Regulating waste, storage treatment, and transportation disposal



# New Jersey

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## New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

- Air
- Water
- Land and Open Space
- Site Cleanups
- Waste Management
- Parks and Forests
- Division of Fish and Wildlife  
Manages [hunting](#), [freshwater fishing](#), and [saltwater fishing](#) (commercial and recreational)
- Historic Resources
- Pesticides
- Radiation Protection

# New York

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## **New York Department of Environmental Conservation**

- Office of Remediation and Materials Management
  - Division of Environmental Remediation
  - Division of Mineral Resources
  - Division of Materials Management
- Office of Air Resources, Climate Change & Energy
  - Division of Air Resources
  - Office of Climate Change
- Office of Public Protection
  - Division of Forest Protection
  - Division of Law Enforcement
  - Emergency Response Coordination Unit
- Office of Natural Resources
  - **Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources**  
Manages [hunting](#), [freshwater fishing](#), and [saltwater fishing](#) (commercial and recreational)
  - Division of Lands and Forests
  - Office of Invasive Species Coordination
- Office of Water Resources
  - Division of Water
  - Hudson River Estuary Program
  - Great Lakes Program
  - New York City Watershed

# Delaware

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## **Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control**

- Office of the Secretary
  - Division of Energy & Climate
  - Delaware Coastal Programs
- Office of Environmental Protection
  - Division of Air Quality
  - Division of Waste & Hazardous
  - Division of Water
- Office of Natural Resources
  - **Division of Fish & Wildlife**  
Manages [hunting](#), [freshwater and saltwater fishing](#) (commercial and recreational)
  - Division of Parks and Recreation
  - Division of Watershed Stewardship

# Maryland

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## **Maryland Department of Environment**

- Air and Radiological Health Programs
- Water Programs
- Land Programs

## **Maryland Department of Natural Resources**

- Watershed
- Park Service
- **Fishery Service**  
Manages freshwater and saltwater fishing ([commercial](#) and [recreational](#))
- **Wildlife and Heritage Service**  
Manages [hunting](#)
- Forestry
- Boating

# Pennsylvania

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## **Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection**

- Air Quality
- Energy and Technology Deployment
- Mineral Resources Management
- Oil and Gas Management
- Radiation Protection
- Waste Management
- Water Management

## **Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**

- Parks
- Forestry and Wildlife
- Topographic and Geologic Survey
- Conservation Science

## **Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission**

Manages [freshwater and saltwater fishing](#)

## **Pennsylvania Game Commission**

Manages [hunting](#)

# Virginia

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## [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#)

- Air Quality
- Water Quality
- Land Protection
- Other Programs

## [Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries](#)

Manages [hunting](#) and [freshwater fishing](#)

## [Virginia Marine Resources Commission](#)

Manages saltwater fishing ([commercial](#) and [recreational](#))

## [Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation](#)

- Soil and Water Conservation
- Natural Heritage
- Dam Safety and Floodplain Management
- State Parks
- Land Conservation

# North Carolina

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## **North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources**

- Air Quality
- Aquariums
- Coastal Management
- Environmental Assistance and Outreach
- Environmental Education and Public Affairs
- Land Resources
- Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs
- **Marine Fisheries**  
Manages saltwater fishing ([commercial](#) and [recreational](#))
- Museum of Natural Sciences
- Office of Conservation, Planning, and Community Affairs
- Parks and Recreation
- Waste Management
- Water Quality
- Water Resources
- Zoological Park

## **Wildlife Resources Commission**

Manages [hunting](#) and [freshwater fishing](#)

# South Carolina

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## **Department of Health and Environmental Control**

- Health
- Air Quality
- Coastal/Ocean Management
- Land and Waste Management
- Water Quality

## **Department of Natural Resources**

- Land and Water Conservation
- Law Enforcement
- **Marine Resources**  
Manages saltwater fishing (commercial and recreational)
- Outreach and Support
- **Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries**  
Manages hunting and freshwater fishing



# Georgia

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## **Department of Natural Resources**

- **Coastal Resources Division:** Manages [saltwater fishing](#) (commercial and recreational)
- Environmental Protection Division
  - Air Quality Program
  - Water Programs
  - Land Program
- Historic Preservation Division
- Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Division
- Sustainability Division
- **Wildlife Resources Division:** Manages [hunting](#) and [freshwater fishing](#)

# Florida

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## **Department of Environmental Protection:**

- Regulatory Programs
  - Division of Air Resource Management
  - Division of Water Resource Management
  - Division of Waste Management
- Land and Recreation
  - Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas
  - Division of State Lands
  - Division of Recreation and Parks
  - Office of Greenways and Trails
  - Florida Geological Survey
- Policy and Planning
  - Administrative Services
  - Technology and Information Systems
  - Legislative Affairs
  - Intergovernmental Programs

## **Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission:**

Manages [hunting](#), [freshwater fishing](#), and [saltwater fishing](#) (commercial and recreational)

# Alabama

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## [Alabama Department of Environmental Management](#)

- Air Division
- Coastal Section
- Waste/Remediation
- Water Division

## [Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources](#)

- State Parks
- State Lands
- Research and Management
- **Fishing, Wildlife, and Licensing programs:**
  - **Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division:**  
Manages [hunting](#) and [freshwater fishing](#)
  - **Marine Resources Division:**  
Manages [saltwater fishing](#) (commercial and recreational)

# Mississippi

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## [Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality](#)

- Office of Pollution Control
  - Air Division
  - Surface Water
  - Environmental Permits
  - Environmental Compliance and Enforcement
  - Field Services
  - Groundwater Assessment and Remediation Division
- **Office of Land and Water Resources**
  - Groundwater
  - Dam Safety
  - Source Water Protection
  - Surface Water
  - Water Use
  - Wells
  - Permitting/Monitoring
- **Office of Geology**

## [Mississippi Department of Marine Resources](#)

Manages saltwater fishing (commercial and recreational)

## [Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks](#)

Manages [hunting](#) and [freshwater fishing](#)

# Louisiana

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## **Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism**

- State Parks
- State Museums
- State Library
- Tourism

## **Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality**

- Air Quality
- Assessments
- Enforcement
- Inspections
- Business and Community Outreach
- Public Participation and Permit Support
- Water Permits
- Underground Storage Tank and Remediation
- Waste Permits

## **Louisiana Department of Natural Resources**

- Mineral Resources
- Coastal Management
- Conservation
- Technology Assessment Division/State Energy Office

## **Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries**

Manages [hunting](#) and [freshwater and saltwater fishing](#)

# Texas

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## [Texas Commission of Environmental Quality](#)

- Air Quality
- Land Quality
- Water Quality

## [Texas Parks and Wildlife](#)

Manages state parks

Manages [hunting](#) and [freshwater and saltwater fishing](#) (commercial and recreational)

## [Texas Forest Service](#)

# California

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## **California Department of Conservation**

- Land Resources
- Mine Reclamation
- Geological Survey
- Mining
- Oil, Gas, and Geothermal

## **California Environmental Protection Agency**

- California Air Resources Board
- California Department of Toxic Substances Control
- Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

## **California Department of Fish and Game**

- **Wildlife and Fisheries Division**  
Wildlife Branch manages [hunting](#)  
Fisheries Branch manages [freshwater fishing](#)
- **Marine Region**  
Manages [saltwater fishing](#) (commercial and recreational)

## **California Department of Parks and Recreation**

## **California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery**

## **California Department of Water Resources**

- Flood and Safety
- Water Allocation and Supply
- Drought

## **California State Water Resources Control Board**

- Water Quality
- Underground Storage Tanks
- Land Disposal
- Water Recycling
- Watershed Management

# Oregon

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## [Oregon Department of Environmental Quality](#)

- Vehicle Testing
- Air Quality
- Water Quality
- Cleanup
- Waste Management
- Sustainable Living

## [Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife](#)

- [Fish Division](#)  
Manages [freshwater and saltwater fisheries](#) (commercial and recreational)
- [Wildlife Division](#)  
Manages [hunting](#)

## [Oregon Parks and Recreation Department](#)



# Washington

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## [Washington State Department of Ecology](#)

- Water Quality
- Air Quality
- Cleanup
- Toxic Hazards

## [Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife](#)

Manages [hunting](#) and [freshwater and saltwater fishing](#) (commercial and recreational)

## [Washington State Department of Natural Resources](#)

- Aquatic Resources
- Forestry
- Geology and Earth Resources
- Public Lands
- Resource Protection

## [Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission](#)

# Alaska

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## **Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation**

- Division of Air Quality
- Division of Environmental Health
  - Drinking Water
  - Solid Waste
  - Pesticides
  - Food Safety and Sanitation
  - State Veterinarian
- Division of Spill Prevention and Response
- Division of Water

## **Alaska Department of Fish and Game**

Manages [hunting](#) and [freshwater and saltwater fishing](#) (commercial and recreational)

## **Alaska Department of Natural Resources**

- Division of Agriculture
- Division of Coastal & Ocean Management
- Division of Forestry
- Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys
- Division of Mining, Land & Water
- Division of Oil and Gas
- Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation

# Hawaii

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## Hawaii Department of Health

- Environmental Health
  - Air Quality
  - Compliance
  - Environmental Quality Control
  - Food and Drug
  - Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response
  - Noise and Radiation
  - Recycling
  - Sanitation
  - Waste
  - Vector Control
  - Water Quality
- Health Resources
- Behavioral Health

## Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources

- **Division of Aquatic Resources**  
Manages [freshwater and saltwater fishing](#) (commercial and recreational)
- Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation
- Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement
- **Division of Forestry and Wildlife**  
Manages [hunting](#)
- Historic Preservation Division
- Bureau of Conveyances
- Land Division
- Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands
- Division of State Parks